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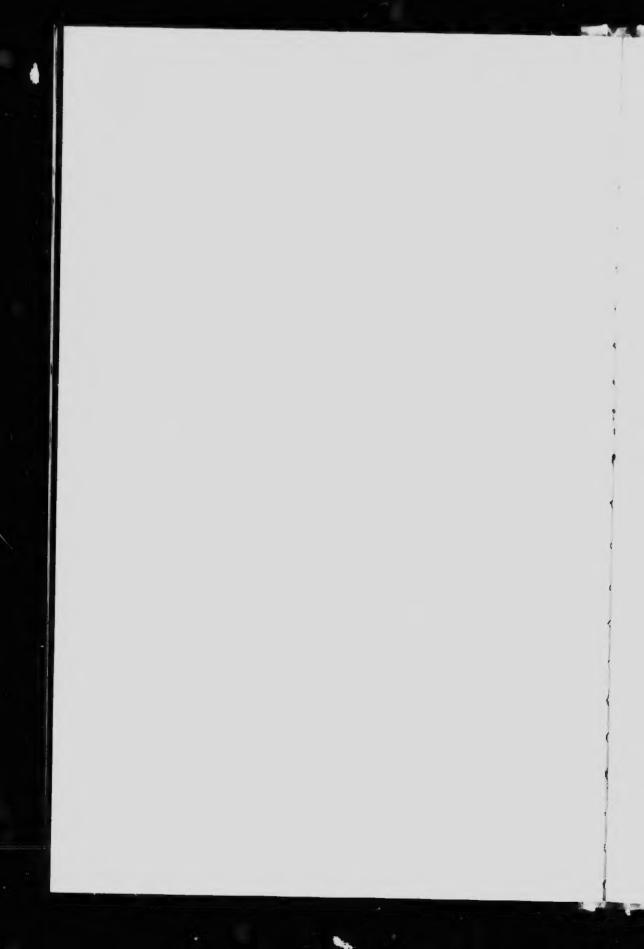
The Sailors' Club
The Royal Naval Institute
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

by

His Excellency
The Governor-General of Canada



On the 21st day of November, 1917



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of VICTORIA, B. C.

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Royal Naval Institute

ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Opening Ceremony by His Excellency the Duke of Deconshire, K.G., Governor-General of Canada

Wednesday, 21st November, 1917

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

At 4.30 His Excellency arrived at the Royal Naval Institute in Admiral's Road and was met by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Hall. Dominion representative of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Admiral Storey, Captain Moore, Lieut. W. Donagh and Lieut. E. Wormold.

Upon proceeding into the Institute, His Excellency was received by Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, president of the Advisory Committee, who introduced the members of the committee, local clergymen and many others. A tour of inspection followed, during which His Excellency passed the highest commendation upon the provision made for the men in the various departments. His Excellency, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and many distinguished members of the company signed the visitors' book.

Outside the building there was a guard of honour, consisting of sixty men of H.M.S. "Rainbow" and the R.N.C.V.R., under Lieut, K. Harper, Sub-Lieut, W. H. Watson and Sub-Lieut, P. Tribe.

Upon entering the assembly hall of the Institute a procession was formed, consisting of seven men of the "Rainbow," bearing the Union Jack, the three naval ensigns, the Bethel flag, the house flag of the Canadian National Council, and the permant of the Seamen's Christian Brotherhood. These were formed in a line at the rear of the platform.

The half was crowded to overflowing with representative citizens of Victoria and Esquimalt. Among those present were: His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard. Hon. W. Bostock (Senator), Hon. H. C. Brewster (Premier of British Columbia), Hon. John Oliver, the Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schoffeld, the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria, the Very Rev. Dean



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Quainton, the Very Rev. Archdeacon Sweet and Miss Sweet, Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Story, the officers of H.M.S. "Algerine," Capt. C. Moore and Mrs. Moore, Capt. George Kirkendale and Mrs. Kirkendale, Lieut, F. R. Wright, Lieut, Smallwood, Major General Leckie, Mayor Todd and Mrs. Tedd, Reeve Gordon, Reeve Borden, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick and Mrs. Chadwick, Rev. T. R. Heneage, Rev. Robert and Mrs. Connell, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Rev. R. Hughes, Rev. S. Cook, Mrs. A. Thomson (president of the Ladies' Guild of the Sailors' Club), Mrs. A. T. Griffiths (Regent, Municipal Chapter LO.D.E.), Mrs. D. Miller (Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, LO.D.E.), Mrs. Curtis Sampson (Gonzales Chapter, LO.D.E.), Mrs. Beckwith (Florence Nightingale Chapter, Mrs. David Doig (Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E.), Miss Pooley (Esquimalt Chapter, LO.D.E.), Mrs. Duncan Ross (Margaret Rocke Robertson Chapter, LO.D.E.), Mrs. Duncan Campbell (Daisy Chain Chapter, LO.D.E.), Mrs. F. A. McDiarmid (president, Women's Canadian Club), Mr. F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., Mr. R. H. Pooley, M.P.P., and Mrs. Pooley, Mr. J. J. Shalleross, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hannington, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Dr. MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wright, Dr. Arthur Hudson and Mrs. Hudson, Mr. T. Wright Hill (Port Missionary of Victoria), Mr. R. H. Swinerton, Col. and Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Bruce Powley, Mrs. C. D. Neroutsos Dr. Verrinder, Mrs. J. L. Raymur, Mrs. G. L. Foulkes, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Langton, Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Proby, Mr. and Mrs. Galea, Mrs. Wadmore, Mrs. Bevan Orwin, Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, Mrs. and Miss Sorby, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mr. Frampton, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Hibben, Mrs. Seriven, Mr. and Mrs. Last, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Day, Miss MacKay, Mrs. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Driver, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. M. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kidd, Mr. Arthur Lee, Mrs. and Miss Elgee, Mr. Gideon Hicks, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Dennis Cox, Mr. James Palmer, Mrs. Hiscocks, Mrs. D. G. Proby, Mrs. M. King, Mrs. E. Dewdney, Mrs. C. Cookson, Mrs. G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Bessonette, Mr. Swinerton, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warnicker, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dickson, Mr. John F. Silver, Mr. and Mrs. S. Doe, Mrs. Berkeley, M. and Misses Neame, Mrs. A. G. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Varrow, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Beaven, Mr. R. G. Howell.

The Rev. Dr. Hall presided, and on the platform were grouped His Excellency the Governor-General, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, Admiral Story, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Columbia, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, the Rev. John Robson,



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General Leckie, Mr. F. A. McDiarmid and Mr. Arthur Coles, Reeve of Esquimalt.

The proceedings opened with two verses of "God Save the King," and Dr. Hyrn's address was as follows:

Your Excellency, Your Honour, Admiral Story, Right Reverend Bishops, and Clergy, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to welcome you here today for the official ceremony of the opening of this Institute, in the name of several organizations. First of all, on behalf of the Local Advisory Committee under Mr. McDiarmid, and the Ladies' Guild under the presidency of Mrs. A. Thomson, who have so efficiently carried through the work: in the name of the Canadian National Council of Toronto, which has had the honour of providing a good deal of the money: and in the name of the board of directors of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society in London, who also share in this enterprise. I have received a cable of greeting from London, saying: "Congratulations and Godspeed to the Esquimalt Institute." I also hear to you the greetings of the sister institute in Vancouver, sent by Mr. Walter Hepburn, president, and Mrs. Davison, president of the Ladies' Guild.

We are making history in our great Dominion today by opening upon Canadian soil the first Sailors institute devoted exclusively to the use of the men of His Maiesty's navy.

I am happy to say that while there has been a great deal of local activity and generosity over the provision of this Institute, it really represents the feeling of the whole of Canada towards His Majesty's fleet, inasmuch as most of the money has been raised by the Canadian National Council in Toronto: but individuals have sought to have a share in this building, and I have to announce to you that St. Paul's Church, Toronto, has provided one of the cabins, the Canadian National Ladies' Guild for Sailors one of the cabins, the township of Scarborough, in Ontario, one of the cabins, and a public school at Killam, in Alberta, has sent enough money to provide one of the cots. In your own city, the "Ford Verrinder" cot has been named after a pupil in the collegiate school who has exhibited remarkable interest in ship construction and naval affairs.

So today is a ceremony of national significance, expressing something of the heart of Canada towards our gallant navy, which we are confident will be, as His Majesty so truly said, "a sure shield of the Empire."

I think I may say in your name that when His Excellency is representing to the King's Most Excellent Majesty anything of the feeling found in Western Canada, he may announce that our enthusiasm for the flect is unbounded, our appreciation is past all



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words, and that our affection for the fleet is increased on account of the fact that the mayy is the profession which His Majesty has himself so brilliantly adorned.

I have now to ask the president of the Local Committee, Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, to give us the Committee's statement in regard to the development of the Institute.

Mr. F. A. McDiarmin: Your Excellency, Your Honour, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Committee of Management of the Seamen's Institute of Victoria, B. C., beg to report that, acting under the instructions of the subscribers, as given at a special meeting held on the 24th day of October, 1916, they have completed their acceptance of the generous offer of the trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home to transfer to the Institute the building and premises in which we now are, and we have taken over all the liabilities on the property, we have repaired the same, refurnished it throughout, and have invite—the subscribers and other well-wishers of the Institute to this formal opening ceremony.

The repairs of the building have cost \$2,988.88; the amount which we have directly expended for furnishing is \$1,195.42, making a total expenditure on the building itself of \$4,184.30. We have paid \$789.26 for arrears of interest and arrears of taxes accumulated before our obtaining possession of the property, and there still remains a mortgage for \$3,000.00 upon the premises, which would have been paid off but for the fact that it does not mature and recome due until the 28th day of January next, when we expect to be able to retire the same.

We acknowledge with very grateful thanks, the financial help and assistance of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society of London, England (of which we have the honour to be a branch), and of the Canadian National Council of the British and Foreign Sailors Society, who have assumed the payment of the mortgage above referred to and have given us in all \$3,850,00 on the building account and \$407.28 on the maintenance account up to the present time, and have united with London to guarantee us \$1,000,00 per annum for help towards our maintenance. Without the assistance from these parent societies, this, the first Royal Naval Institute in the Dominion of Canada, would not have become possible.

The Committee have to acknowledge with thanks the services of Mr. F. M. Rattenbury as architect, who very kindly took entire charge of the repairs without remuneration, and we also acknowledge with grateful thanks the generosity of the Municipality of Esquimalt, of the individual chapters of the Imperial Order of the



The late Mrs. J. D. Pemberton

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Daughters of the Empire, and of the Women's Canadian Club, and

many, very many, private donors of furniture,

The legacy left to us by the late Mrs. Pemberton and the generosity of her family have taken care of a good deal of the amount of money which we have expended for furnishings. The family of the late Mrs. Pemberton has completely furnished one entire room in a manner quite in keeping with the rest of the building

Books and pictures and linens have come from many sources,

for all of which we are profoundly thankful.

The Committee are very sensible of and deeply appreciate the honour which has been conferred upon us by the present visit of His Execulency the Governor-General of Canada, and his opening of our Institute.

The Committee of Management feel very highly gratified that our building was equipped in time to be of real, practical, immediate service. The contractors were not out of the building before the new crew of H.M.S. "Otranto" came into port, and a very great many of that crew made use of the accommodation while waiting for their ship to come in, and afterwards during the stay of their ship in port. Although we have postponed the formal opening until His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada could be with us, we have not closed our doors to the work of the port during the interval, and in the six weeks that have chapsed since the building was completed 802 of the men of the royal navy and of His Majesty's Canadian navy have signed our register, and they, with numerous others, have enjoyed the privileges of this club. We believe that it fills a long-felt want in providing a suitable place where men of His Majesty's navy can congregate when on shore in an atmosphere that is undenominational, non-political and free from any rules or regulations which would interfere with their comfort.

In conclusion, I should like to express how very glad the Committee are that Admiral Story is sufficiently recovered from

his illness to be with us today.

I have the honour to present the audited balance sheet of the Royal Naval Institute of Esquimalt, as of the 31st day of October, 1917.

On behalf of the Committee of Management,

(Signed) F. A. McDryrmin,

Chairman.

Victoria, B. C., November 21st, 1917.



The Pemberton Room

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THE CHARMAN: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I think you are all aware that these homes and institutes through out the Empire are begun and sustained in a spirit of devout dependence on Almighty God, and so, as part of the proceedings this afternoon, there will be a scripture reading by the Rev. Mr. Robson, chairman of the Victoria District of the Methodist Church. and the dedication will be pronounced by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Columbia, the Anglican Bishop of the diocese in which we stand

Rev. Mr. Rossox read the 24th Psalm:

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein

For He both founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the thirds,

Who shall ascend into the bills of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place:

He that both clean hands, and a pure heart; who both not litted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceirfully

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and rightenismess from the Lord of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Junh

Fift up your heads, O ye gites; and he ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The Lord strong and nighty, the Ford mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even aff them up, ye everlisting

doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

Bisitor Schoffeld pronounced the Dedication. Followed by ie Lord's Prayer.

THE CHARMAN: I have now to ask His Excellency the Duke Devoushire, Knight of the Garter, Governor-General of Canada, to declare this building open.

His Excertance: Your Honour, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am indeed very fortunate that it was possible to arrange that the formal opening of this Naval Institute should take place on the occasion of this, my visit to Victoria. I am very glad to have had the opportunity of being personally present, and no words I can say can express my real pleasure in seeing the work you have accomplished and being able to take part in what is a most interest ing, and will prove to be a most historical, occasion.

It was my privilege before I was appointed Governor-General of Canada to have been working at the Admiralty, of course only in a civil capacity, but I learned something of the work that is being done, and it is most refreshing and pleasant to find, when one leaves Great Britain and lands on the shores of Canada, that there is true



Mrs. J. W. Troup

Vac president, the Ladies' Guild To whose efficient endeavor the Institute largely owes its inception.

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and deep appreciation of the really magnificent work which has been accomplished by the navy.

Possibly in Esquimalt there may be some little anxiety and surprise felt that, instead of increasing the force of the navy in this locality, if anything, that force has been reduced, and what fleet there was here has been sent to other parts of the world. I think it would be impossible to find a better reason for that than the more fact that the whole of the Pacific Coast is now, as far as human ingenuity can devise, absolutely as free as any other part of the world, either in the middle of the desert or the middle of the ocean, from any possibility of hostile attack. It is an extremely expressive testimony to the work which has been accomplished by the navy, and I can assure you that I value very much the expressions which I have heard today, and your action today is a great proof of how much the navy is genuinely appreciated.

I dare not attempt to dip into the future, but certainly I think the terrible experiences the Empire has gone through will make us, from an Imperial point of view, extremely cautious that we are never again taken by surprise. Whether it will be possible to do away with armaments altogether, it will be for others to settle, but certainly anything like a serious depletion of our naval strength is most emphatically to be deprecated.

No doubt this war will produce, and is daily producing, innumerable problems connected with naval operations which require the very best brains we possess to deal with in a thoroughly practical and exhaustive manner; it will be idle for me to forecast in what direction they may turn for solution.

Certainly we have seen time and space to a considerable extent annihilated, and long distances practically count for nothing now-adays: and although we are a long way from the seat of war, it is most essential that this coast should receive the proper amount of defence to which it is fully entitled, in order to preserve communications and to preserve, moreover, that red line which encircles the whole world.

You today have taken a very practical and material way of doing something to help forward the work. The figures we have heard are an ample proof of how much this institution is valued, and as time goes on it will receive even greater support and be more and more appreciated.

I wish it every possible prosperity. It has made a most admirable start, and I hope, although the first, it will retain the premier place, and that it will be an institution that British Columbia, Canada and the whole Empire will be proud of.

I now have the greatest pleasure in formally declaring the building open.



The Charrman: An acknowledgment of the dedication of the building and its being declared open for the purposes of the may will be made by a real triend of the institution, Admiral Story.

Admirat Story: Your Excellency, Your Honour, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the naval service, Imperial and Canadian, we accept with much pleasure this beautiful building which His Excellency has declared open for our use.

We are particularly grateful to those who have so kindly subscribed towards its equipment, and we desire especially to thank the ladies' committee, who have worked so hard in our interest. To their many activities they have added yet another in getting together the furniture for this building, and we know their work has been a labour of love.

Personally, I –g to thank the chairman for his kind remarks about myself, and I hope to be able to assist the Sailors' Club to the best of my ability so long as I am in command of this station.

Finally, I must thank your Excellency for so kindly coming here to open this building, which we appreciate very much.

The Chairman: I have a further duty which I have the honour to ask His Excellency to undertake, and that is to present this salver, made undoubtedly out of the copper of Nelson's own flagship, the "Victory," to the chairman of the Local Committee, in recognition of his services to the Royal Naval Institute and Sailors' Club.

His Excellency: I have much pleasure in handing you this salver and congratulating you most sincerely on all the work you have done.

Mr. McDiarmid: Thank you very much.

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The Charman:—I would ask His Excell—by to make one other recognition. In the report it was stated that—architect had given the whole of his services in connection with this building, and we wish to present this medal, made out of the copper of another of Lord Nelson's ships, the "Foudroyant," to Mr. Rattenbury, the volunteer architect, and if he is not present, to those who represent him.

Benediction was pronounced by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Victoria (the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese), assisted by Rev. Father Silver:

Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from henceforth, now and torever. Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Glost, descend upon you and abide with you always. Amen.

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The Charkman: We must express our thanks to His Excellency for his services here today, and wish him Godspeed on his return journey to the capital.

This was done with the heartiest applause.

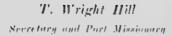
To complete the proceedings of the day, the men on the naval station were entertained at tea in the assembly hall of the Institute, as the guests of the Canadian National Ladies' Guild for Sailors, Toronto, of which Lady Willison is the president, and in the evening at 8 o'clock the ceremonies of the day were completed by Dr. Hall giving his illustrated naval lecture, entitled "Under the Three Ensigns," descriptive of how the fleets serve the Empire in peace and in war. The audience was almost entirely composed of men of the fleet.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Hughes and seconded by one of the sailors, and carried with their upon cheer.





Rev. Dr. Altred Hall Senior Chaplain for Canada, the British and Fareign Sailors' Society





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SAILORS' CLUB, ROYAL NAVAL INSTITUTE ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Income and Expenditure Account as at 31st October, 1917

INCOME

BUILDING FUND

**	Cauadian National Branch of British and Foreign Sailors' Society
	FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS
By 	Ladies' Guild, Toronto \$ 100.00 Collection at linen shower \$ 27.00 Connaught Seamen's Institute 1,068.42 Donations of furnishings, etc. 804.58 = 2,000.00
	MAINTENANCE
By	British and Foreign Sailors' Society \$ 200.00\$ British and Foreign Sailors' Society \$ 157.28\$ British and Foreign Sailors' Society, Toronto \$50.00\$ Municipality of Esquimalt \$50.00\$ Beds \$ 34.70\$ Room rent \$ 6.20\$ Connaught Seamen's Institute \$103.44

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SAILORS CLUB, ROYAL NAVAL INSTITUTE ESQUIMART, B. C.

Income and Expenditure Account as at 31st October, 1917

EXPENDITURE

BUILDING FUND

To	A. Lockley, contract for repairs and alteration of building	
**	Lockley, repairs to gutter, etc 46.05	
	88.880.28	
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		\$3,778.14
	FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS	
To	Amount expended for furniture, etc \$1,195.42	
bh	Donations of furnishings estimated to be	
	worth 804.58	
		2,000.00
	Maintenance	
To	Wages	
*4	Lighting	
+6	Water 5.80	
4.0	Telephone 16.00	
**	Gardening 32.75	
**	Meals and requisites 63.45	
	Fuel	
b fi	Laundry	
**	Fumigation	
4.8	Cleaning windows	
	Chimney sweep	
**	Entertainment 10.60	
8.6	Repairs to arm	
**	Insurance	
5.0	Bank exchange	
56	Stores and supplies	
	770-11	715.25

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SAILORS' CLUB, ROYAL NAVAL INSTITUTE Esquimalt, B. C.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1917

ASSETS

Club House, Admiral's Road, Esquimalt, B.C., \$6,778.1 Less mortgage thereon	 00
Furnishings and fittings	Stack memory as
	\$5,778.14
Maintenance Account:	
Balance per Statement	. \$ 113.63 . 5.664.51
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The Advisory Committee,

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I have examined the annexed Balance Sheet with the accounts and vouchers and hereby certify that it sets forth the position of the Sailors' Club, Royal Naval Institute, Esquimalt, at the date named, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as disclosed by the accounts.

(Signed) F. H. Kum, Chartered Accountant,

Auditor.

Victoria, B. C., November 19th, 1917,

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